

## Message Text

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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, JO, US  
SUBJECT: HELICOPTER NIGHT VISION PROBLEM

1. AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED UP MAY 25 LETTER FROM ERIC  
TUNIS WITH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BIN SHAKER TODAY.  
PREVIOUSLY HE HAD MENTIONED TO KING THAT HE HAD RECEIVED  
FROM THE U.S. SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE  
NIGHT VISION PROBLEM.

2. AMBASSADOR PROVIDED BIN SHAKER WITH TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION ON THE FLIR AND NIGHT VISION GOGGLES.  
BIN SHAKER COMMENTED THAT COSTS OF FLIR AND ITS  
SIZE MIGHT WELL MAKE IT PROHIBITIVE, BUT HE WAS NOT  
THE ONE TO DECIDE THIS QUESTION. HE UNDERSTOOD  
THE LIMITATION ON BINOCULARS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS  
FOR HELICOPTER WORK. ON THE BASIS OF AN INTERNAL  
STUDY BY THE MISSION, AND SINCE JORDANIANS ARE  
LOOKING FOR EQUIPMENT FOR ONE NEW S-76 HELICOPTER,  
AMBASSADOR, IN ADDITION TO POINTING OUT ABOVE  
DIFFICULTIES, SUGGESTED TO BIN SHAKER THAT  
JORDANIANS CONSULT DIRECTLY WITH SIKORSKY REGARDING  
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NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR NEW HELICOPTERS.

3. AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO  
GUARANTEE THAT THE FLIR SYSTEM, IF THAT IS WHAT THE  
JORDANIANS DECIDED THEY WISHED TO HAVE, COULD BE  
RELEASED TO JORDAN, EVEN ON A ONE-TIME-ONLY  
BASIS FOR HIS MAJESTY.

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